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AT TEN YEAR ANNUAL DINNER



Displaying the best microphone technique and a fine sense of humor, 10 Year Club president Harold Jemison addresses the nearly 300 members of that organization at their annual banquet at the Stacy Trent Hotel on November 3. At the table, from the right are: Charles M. Noble, State Highway Engineer; president elect Flavin Ireton; Chester A. Burn, deputy chief, Department of Design and Construction; Edward Drake, secretary; Clyde Case, 2nd vice-president elect; Arthur Egan, treasurer, and Kenneth Craft, vice-president elect.

Automatic Signal To Direct Traffic On Route 25

Mechanical Brain Cuts Time Loss

A traffic signal that counts cars as they approach the intersection of Lawrence Avenue and Route 25 (U.S. 1) at Rahway will soon be saving motorists 40% of the time heretofore lost at this busy crossing.

The signal known as an electro-mechanical traffic dispatcher will give the stop and go to motorists in much the same manner as a traffic policeman—on the basis of the number of cars to be passed through the intersection in either direction at a given moment.

In appearance this "mechanical traffic cop" looks like any other traffic signal. It differs in operation, however, from the usual type of signal by employing electrical detectors about 300 feet back from the intersection. These detectors count the vehicles as they approach and in this manner determine when and for what length of time the light should pass or hold up traffic on either road.

Traffic volumes on Route 25 north of Lawrence Avenue average 34,000 cars daily. South of this point the average is 29,000 cars. On Lawrence Avenue, east of Route 25, the counts show 6,000 cars a day, while the figure west of Route 25 is 2,000. A saving of 40% of time heretofore lost at this intersection will mean much less congestion and a greatly reduced accident record. Installation of this signal will be completed on or about December 1.

Present plans call for installing other signals of this type in special locations. Work will soon get under way to place a second "mechanical cop" at the intersection of Routes 6 and 23 at Singac.

First Place Tie Marks Finish of Suggestion Race

Two Maintenance Men and One From Survey and Plans Score 11 Points

On October 31 the curtain rang down on the Suggestion Box point scoring race with three contestants, Randolph LaBarre and John Carty of the Maintenance Division, and Eugene Gillette of Survey and Plans tied with 11 points each.

This point scoring contest was run on the basis of one point scored for each valid suggestion received, and additional point credits when it was approved for use by Commissioner Miller and again when it was put into actual practice. In addition to this, suggesters were given points on their efficiency ratings, not to exceed four percent of the total ratings, for their participation in the Suggestion Box.

A forward position in the point scoring race does not necessarily mean that the employee must win an outstanding award since these are given on the basis of the merit of suggestions which are put into practice. Because of this, a man or woman submitting a single suggestion might hit the jackpot if that suggestion were sufficiently outstanding. However, those occupying top position in the tabulation will be recognized in some manner.

Besides the three who tie for first place, others who made good showings included Edward Faller, Electrical, 9 points, and Fred Hoeger, Electrical, 7 points.

In scoring points for the next 6-month period, the Suggestion Committee has decided that no points will be given for any suggestion received until it has been accepted as practical. This procedure will tend to stress merit in suggestions rather than mere quantity.

The final tabulation of the point scoring for those getting two points or more follows:

John Carty, Maint.	11
Eugene M. Gillette, S. & P.	11
Randolph LaBarre, Maint.	11
Edward Faller, Elec.	9
Fred G. Hoeger, Elec.	7

An Historic Achievement

The people of the State of New Jersey did something more on Election Day than cast their votes for candidates for public office, and on certain local questions. They voted on the most important public question to come before the electorate in a hundred years. At the top of each ballot before each voter who went to the polls the public question read:

"Shall the new State Constitution prepared and agreed upon by the Constitutional Convention be adopted? Yes or No."

To an outsider these words would not carry the same significance as they would to an informed citizen within the State. For those words in the referendum question were pregnant with historic meaning for our own citizens.

It was first of all the language agreed upon by the delegates to the historic Constitutional Convention held at New Brunswick last summer when a new Charter was drafted and submitted to the people for their adoption or rejection in November. But what was even more significant, the Charter so drafted was the first in 103 years to be revised by a Constitutional Convention of the representatives of all the people, duly authorized by the people. The electorate, as if conscious of the fact that constitutional history was made in New Brunswick last summer, ratified the democratic accomplishment of their delegates by the impressive vote of 652,057 to 182,757—the greatest plurality ever given in the annals of the State for any public question or for any candidate, which makes it a "double first."

The whole procedure of constitution-making from its inception to its final adoption was history in the making—history made by the living both for the living and those yet unborn. Man has been from the beginning not only the recorder of the past but the maker of present history.

Already this achievement of the adoption of a new and modern Charter is being applauded as proof positive of the vitality of the democratic process in New Jersey, the document itself is being praised for its brevity, its preciseness and its forward-looking character.

Dr. Charles A. Beard, dean of American history, and one of the greatest living authorities of American Constitutional history, wrote recently, "The New Jersey Constitution marks notable gains in efficiency and civic equity—in brevity and precision of language—it is a model for the whole country."

This is praise, indeed! The people of New Jersey who authorized the Constitution, elected their delegates to the convention and ratified their action, deserve the credit for this historic and non-partisan achievement.

Spencer Miller, Jr.
State Highway Commissioner

10-Year Dinner Attracts Nearly 300 Members

Ireton Elected to Presidency — Many Receive Service Awards

At a gala occasion featured by the presentation of eighty-three 20 and 25-year service pins, the Ten Year Club marked the seventeenth year of its existence on November 3rd. Two hundred and eighty odd members of the organization were on hand for the dinner meeting which, following recent custom, was held at the Stacy Trent Hotel in Trenton.



FLAVIN IRETON

The service award pins, which are the gifts of the Ten Year Club, were presented to veteran employees by Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., and Chief Engineer Charles M. Noble, both of whom were introduced by retiring president Harold Jemison. Each official spoke in glowing terms of the value of the organization to the Highway Department.

Assistant State Highway Engineer Edward W. Kilpatrick, the third guest of honor, also complimented the club and added a few amusing stories to his well chosen remarks.

A tabulation of the balloting showed that the following men were elected for the coming year:

Flavin A. Ireton, president; Kenneth Craft, first vice pres.; Clyde Case, second vice pres.; Edward McCardell, third vice pres.; Edward Drake, secretary; Russell Johnson, asst. sec.; Thomas Russo, fin. sec.; Arthur Egan, treas.

The evening was brought to a close by a varied entertainment. All arrangements were capably handled by a committee headed by Kenneth Craft.

Spoke 500 Times

During the months preceding the adoption of the new Constitution, Commissioner Miller spoke on more than 500 different occasions on behalf of the new charter. His intimate knowledge of his subject came in part from the fact that he was a constitution delegate from Essex County and as such played an important roll in framing the charter.

K. T. Collins, S. & P.	5	A. G. Lincoln, S. & P.	2
C. H. Weller, Maint.	5	W. Masterton, R. Est.	2
Fred A. Moetz, Maint.	4	Edward B. Miller, S. & P.	2
Walter Reeves, Const.	4	J. J. Newmark, Admin.	2
Fulton Bonner, Maint.	3	Howard C. Opdyke, Maint.	2
Leland S. Buzby, S. & P.	3	Howard E. Pierce, Elec.	2
Frank Carfagno, S. & P.	3	W. T. Pinkerton, Maint.	2
F. J. Spagnola, S. & P.	3	George Riker, Const.	2
W. H. Spencer, Bridge	3	C. G. Sagers, Maint.	2
David L. Stout, S. & P.	2	Norman E. Schaller, Lab.	2
W. L. Braybrooke, S. & P.	2	J. F. Summers, S. & P.	2
H. A. Butterfoss, Equip.	2	Joseph E. Tallon, S. & P.	2
John Christiano, P. & E.	2	H. J. Thomas, S. & P.	2
Thomas Desio, Maint.	2	James B. Walter, Maint.	2
Raymond H. Gifford, Maint.	2	Homer Young, Maint.	2
Armand Innocenzi, Elec.	2		

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SURVEY and PLANS

FRED C. CLAUS

UPPER MONTCLAIR

Frank Spagnola

Robert E. Klein, junior highway engineer, resigned from the Department last October 31. Bob worked in Neville's survey crew for a year. Sid will miss him a lot and so will we. Here's "good luck to a good guy!"

Charles Fredricks, engineering aide, resigned on October 24 to accept a job with the N. J. Bell Telephone Co. Good luck to you, too, Charles.

John H. Hulse was transferred to the Lewis Street Office, Trenton, on October 27. We know he was very pleasantly surprised by the friendly "bon voyage" tendered him.

Sanwald, in preparation to attending the November 3 Ten Year Club dinner, looked very well in a complete outfit of gray. Sandy, a 25-year employee, received his good pin at the affair.

F. W. Berberich is currently on vacation. Absent from the dinner, he will get his 20-year pin at a future date.

The Civil Service marks for the engineering aide examination of last June were published recently. Happy smiles lit up the faces of Barberis, Stivali, Pappaceno, and Art Lincoln.

The Civil Service examinations for junior highway engineer, senior highway engineer, and map draftsman are in the offing. Many of our boys are already burning the midnight oil brushing up and preparing for the day of competition.

Matthews is taking cough medicine again—winter's here!

The 1947 wife and mother must be very good at baby-care. Time has, according to legend, that fathers lost many a night's sleep because of baby's crying. However, in searching the faces of our recent fathers (Weiss, Matchett, Englishman, Fuca, Podwysznyski, Kowar, and Coupe), we do not find a trace of the dark lines of worry and sleeplessness. Or is it because these gentlemen are the superior type of fathers?

Steve Bubier and his survey crew are giving S. Neville's gang a hand. Always glad to see Steve, Sid, especially at this time, as he recently lost two men through resignations.

H. Gornitzky and party finished final as-built measurements of the 25-29A central overpass widening. Kearny, Harry & Company were immediately assigned to setting alignment stakes, etc., on the Route 3 Secaucus by-pass in preparation to construction.

Kettlewood is always the butt of people distorting his name. Even Urbach, our new engineering aide, insists on calling him "Kettles." (And Harold, as always, smiles—always the perfect gentleman, a tower of tolerance.)

In season: The turkey took each bit of corn, And ate and ate while able, Because he knew that he was born To decorate a table.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

LEWIS STREET OFFICE

Joe Cunningham

Carl Teegen, who had charge of this office from June, 1946, to

October, 1947, has left our fold, and is assuming his new duties in the State House Annex as engineer of design. We all hated to see Carl leave, but we congratulate him on this promotion and wish him all the luck possible. Losing Carl wasn't all misfortune, however, because in his place we now have John H. Hulse, who spent four years in the Navy as a commander of a Construction Battalion and one year at Yale University pursuing a course in traffic engineering. He comes to us now from the Montclair Office of the New Jersey State Highway Department. He assumed charge of Lewis Street on October 23 and is now fully acquainted with the problems confronting him in the construction of the Trenton freeway.

Tommy King and party, with the assistance of Art Hancock, are staking line for the construction of bridges on Route 28 at Clinton Point. These bridges have been advertised and bids will be received in the near future.

We have heard all the preparation for the gunning season by our Nimrods—now all that remains to be seen are the results or tall stories.

Brother McDols has been accused by at least one Trenton resident of drilling artesian wells all over Trenton. This resident told Bill Voorhees that Mac struck water in Conover's Alley.

NEWARK

Ralph Perry

George Link recently announced his first income tax exemption—a baby girl. Congratulations, and may your future troubles all be little ones.

Steve Straith has been transferred from Survey and Plans to construction work on Route 6-A.

William Hasburg spent about four months during the past summer showing the Cranford Office how the work should be done—or vice versa.

Richard Burnett, of the survey crew, took unto himself a wife some weeks ago. It has often been said "that two can live as cheaply as one," and Dick is trying to prove it.

A. M. Patterson, who has been on sick-leave about a year, has now officially retired. Those who would like to drop a line to Pat should address him: General Delivery, P. O., Oakland Park, Florida.

"Lew" Harvey resigned from the Department several weeks ago to work with a consulting engineering firm located in Harrisburg, Pa.

WOODLYNNE

Bill Hurley

The marriage of Miss Jane Gerecke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerecke of 207 East Bettelwood Ave., Oaklyn, and Mr. John deWall of Greenport, N. Y., took place on Saturday, October 18, at Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pa. The couple will reside at Plainfield, N. J.

The Woodlynn office was well represented at a recent meeting of the South Jersey Chapter of Professional Engineers held at Camden Court House, at which Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., was guest speaker. His topic was,

AS WORK GOT UNDER WAY



Preliminary work on the new bridge over Grassy Sound at Wildwood got under way recently when lines were run and borings taken to determine subsoil conditions. The new span will consist of a single leaf bascule with flanking spans and approach fill. In the above photo are a group of men from the Pleasantville office of Survey and Plans together with local officials. From the left are: E. Y. Corson, G. H. Schreder, J. Garofalo, J. A. Best, L. H. Lake, H. J. Thomas, K. T. Collins, State Senator George A. Redding, of Cape May County, City Commissioner Bernard W. Maxwell of Wildwood, and E. R. Baud. E. L. Evans and E. Henderson, who are also engaged on this work, were absent at the time the picture was taken.

"A New Constitution for the State of New Jersey."

Frank I. Shoemaker and John Gerecke received their 25-year awards and R. Weatherby received his 20-year award at the Ten Year Club's 17th annual dinner. Congratulations to all three.

Bob Mountford has a spare lot 80x90 feet next to his house, but is undecided whether to buy a house that has to be moved due to new highway construction and move it on the lot, or sell the whole parcel and buy a trailer and move out of Camden.

Jack Diamond, a foreman for F. A. Canuso and Son, contractor on Magan Ave. construction, asked A. R. Heintze for permission to set up a Chick-Sales office over a sewer manhole. This was granted, but after it was completed, gumshoe Heintze found that it was set up over a Keystone telephone manhole instead of a sewer manhole.

Talk of buying shells and cleaning guns has been going on for a week, but until the season is over we will not report on the Nimrods' luck.

CRANFORD

James V. Hyde

With the completion of the Parkway grading plans down through Section 1, Howard Koons, Mike Ritchie, and Charles VanAntwerpen are taking advantage of the "between-jobs" break to catch up on their unused vacation time. Rumor has it that they are resting up for that turkey day dinner table offensive.

Have you noticed those brand new pins that some of the Ten Year Club members are sporting? Howard Koons, Charles Vanderhoof, and Bill Reins are the real oldies with their 25-year awards, while Harry Ehrenfeld, Bob Rice, and Charlie Siderits are close behind with 20 years.

Kyle Totten, who has been hospitalized since July, is making real progress toward recovery and is now able to take short walks and get about the house without aid.

The stork visited Hawthorne on Sunday, November 2, presenting Nick and Maryann Tancordo with a 6½-lb. son, who will be named Fred.

After seeing those stickers on the rear window of Col. Braybrooke's Dodge—one for Kit, who is in his second year at Annapolis, the other for David, who is in his second year at Harvard—it has occurred to us that it's a lucky thing for the Colonel that the two schools don't schedule an annual football contest, or the boss might really be in hot water under

less he purchased two sets of tickets—one for each side of the field.

PLANNING and ECONOMICS

TRENTON

F. M. Quinn

That look of relief on the faces around here is an indication that most of the civil service examinations for Analyst are over.

S. J. Guidotti topped the list of eligibles for Senior Highway Analyst followed by M. Gertel, W. R. Sonntag and G. C. Mendez. (Quinn also ran.)

The foremost question of the month is: "When is an Engineer not an Engineer?" The prize for the best answer will be a copy of last year's Traffic Engineering Magazine.

W. M. Wagner is enjoying the conveniences of a new oil burner (at home).

The staff is giving serious consideration to the possibility of conducting a Slim Hawkins Day for the benefit of our eligible bachelors.

Slim Stewart recently conducted a survey to determine the most popular type razor blade currently being used—it seems that he wants nothing but the best to trim his maps and tracings.

NEWARK

Jack Meyer

We extend a welcome to two new clerks, John K. Miers, of Phillipsburg, and Murray L. Dunning, of Sussex. John is employed as a clerk and Murray as a senior clerk.

This Bureau is doing a good job to assist the stork. The latest in this was the birth of a daughter on October 28th to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hoerth. Gene seems to be very happy about it, and we go along with him.

Vincent Berberich is on very good terms with his neighbors. One of them, in trying to get close to Vince, broke his sidewalk with a trailer-truck. The check for the damages came so late that it might get mixed up with the Christmas tree.

Punching and repunching the loadometer cards and keeping up the records in the front office has kept Esther Petti real busy the past month.

Edward Strack finds that he does not have so much time now to work around the house. His new daughter keeps him on the move, but Ed does not complain.

After what must have been a long and rather anxious wait for him, Joseph Fontanella received his permanent rating as a senior clerk October 21st. Congratulations, Joe, and it could not happen to a nicer fellow.

We do not know of any feud between John Christiano and Mr. French, the P.R.A. man, but John left him here the other night and but for another car being here Mr. French might have been stranded for some time. What is the real story, John?

If our Traffic Enumerators continue to visit our office once in a while, we may really get to know them.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

GEO. HEFFERMAN

The Bridge Division Club was "Host" to the members and their wives at Cranbury Inn on October 28th at the Annual Ladies Night and Election of Officers. Following the dinner, vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. P. H. Burch and Michael Tristram. Loren Shortz offered selections on the cello. A novelty "auction" and dancing rounded out the evening.

Officers elected were: John J. Sheenan, President; John F. Evans, Jr., 1st vice president; Virgil Williams, second vice president; Loren Shortz, secretary; Robert E. Simon, treasurer, and A. P. Gabrenas, assistant treasurer.

Congratulations to Morris Goodkind, Albert Lee, Walter Devereux, and Harry W. Lefferson for completing twenty-five years of service with the Department. They were honored and awarded gold service pins at the Ten Year Club Annual Dinner. John J. Koffler was the recipient of the symbolic twenty-year pin.

BRIEFS: The Division welcomed Dominick Dondiego, recently employed as a Bridge Detailer. Don worked for the Bridge Division several years ago and is remembered for his proclivity for losing his hat. . . Mrs. Josephine Bissell was a guest at the Bridge Division Club Dinner while visiting with the P. H. Burchs. . . John H. Patrick's lucky number came up again, this time with a refrigerator. . . Lady Luck handing Wilbur Spencer a sawbuck from the Tall Cedars drawing. . . Jack Evans at Allentown to see the powerful Muhlenberg Eleven in action. . . Dave Lawshe back after a brief illness. . . W. C. Umberger recuperating from a minor operation. . . Sven Hed'n shining "How dry I am" to the City Water Department, hoping for a connection to the new homestead.

Your M. C. presents— THE LADIES... Bless Them



Our Highway Glamour Gal—Yesterday—is one of the flaxen-haired girls of the Department today. With a ratio of seven to one, in favor of brunettes, guessing shouldn't be difficult at all.

In honor of their birthdays which occurred during the summer, a joint luncheon was given recently for Helen Tallon, Mary Massarotti and Marion Hester, at the Stacy-Trent Hotel. Hostesses were Laraine Birch, Betty Levie, Kathryn Laughry, Rita DeVaney and Teresa Kelly.

Evelyn Maley has taken temporary leave of her domestic duties to pinch-hit for Dorothy Hunt who is still on the convalescent list.

Mary Massarotti, of the Central Construction Office, has chosen Thanksgiving Day as her wedding day when she will be married to Mario Palombi, of this city. The ceremony will be performed at St. Joachim's Church at 9 o'clock in the morning. May we extend our best wishes to Mary as she takes leave of the Department.

Mabel Beans has just returned from her annual trek to Rochester, Niagara and Canada.

Our "Highway Glamour Gal—Yesterday" of last month's issue is none other than Helen Tallon of Planning and Economics. At this writing, Helen and her husband, Joe, are cruising south to Miami, Nassau and Havana. Lucky, lucky people!

Another fortunate Miss is Betty Levie, of the Compensation and Claims Office, who is vacationing at Miami Beach.

'Bye now...

PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

The Projects Division wishes to extend its congratulations to Inspector Jim Gyurics on his recent marriage.

Inspector Howard Wolverton, of Delanco, is in the hospital recovering from a serious operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

New additions to the Projects Office are: Leila Cubberley, who assists Colonel Faxon, and Marie Berger, who is assisting Franesen and Fracella with their federal aid projects.

Frank Feussener paid us a visit recently when he returned from Florida where he has been staying since his retirement last June. Frank says Florida did him a lot of good and he feels fine. We'll agree that he looks much better than the last time we saw him even though he still is somewhat underweight. He has been spending his time building and selling small homes.

Before returning to his home in Kissimmee, Frank and his wife intend to visit his sister in North Jersey and then drop in on their eldest son who is attending college in Indiana.

Another hospital case is Inspector Chester Ridley who was operated on in Cooper Hospital, Camden, on October 30. We're glad to report that Chet is getting along fine and is receiving visitors. He is in Room 301 and his phone number is 6600.

Our sincere sympathy to Inspector Frank Deacon whose mother died recently at her home in Pemberton.

Administration Division

BILL WARD

Marvin Riley, of the Contracts and Classification office, is an active football official. While most of us sit home and listen to games on the radio, Marvin is out on the field racing along with half-backs and nimbly dodging guys with murder in their hearts. Incidentally, Art Egan, who was once an official himself, tells of the time he called an out of bounds play and a massive tackle walked over to Art and said, "One more like that, Bud, and you get a punch in the nose." As we say, he was once an official.

Another way of spending the weekend, and safer, too, is to go along with Leonard Leighton. On a recent Friday night Len went to New York to a concert, stayed over to see "Allegro" and the horse show on Saturday, went to Newark for another concert on Sunday afternoon and back to Trenton for "Madame Butterfly" that night. That guy ought to get out in the air more often. He's looking pale.

Charles Hurley recently went on a boating trip from Bayhead to Cape May. Rough weather and pitching seas prevented them from reaching Annapolis.

Congratulations to Gene Palmer upon his recent election as mayor of Stockton. For many years Gene has played a prominent part in the affairs of this Delaware Valley community and the honor recently bestowed upon him is a fitting tribute to the esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Stockton.

NOTES: John Egan is a member of the current Petit Jury. They're calling him "The Hangman" around here... Harry Geller went on an automobile tour of New England last month and says he never saw such beautiful weather... Frank Dunn, growing bored with bowling, has now turned to basketball. "The Grey Whippet" they call him... Frank Allen and Frank Kimble are off in the woods hunting and, at this writing, still alive... Peter Zimbala is in Florida on a vacation. Now there is a guy with sense.

Hefferman - Jaeger

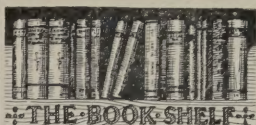
George A. Hefferman of the Bridge Division was married to Agnes M. Jaeger of Trenton on November 22nd. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Hunter, Pastor of St. Francis Church of this city. John F. Evans, Jr., also of the Bridge Division, served as best man, while the bride was attended by her sister, Madeline Jaeger.

Following a wedding breakfast at Landwehr's, the bride and groom left for a two-week honeymoon "in the north."

LEWIS STREET OFFICE



Joe Cunningham submits this picture of the personnel of the Lewis Street Office which was made when John Hulst took over following the promotion of Carl Teegan to the position of engineer of design. From the left in front row are: William Voorhees, Carl Siemmer and Walter Kruck. In the rear: Hulst, Frank Schmidt, Thomas King, Paul Seffrin and Clarence Fogg. The puff of smoke Sef is blowing out gives him a look of fog, too.



ERNEST BIRCH

This month the library added to its growing data the following material:

Official County Maps
Official County Rosters

These maps and rosters are available for every county except Camden and may be obtained through the library.

"Proceedings of the 1946 26th Annual Meeting of the Highway Research Board," a beautifully bound volume, is another recent addition to the library. This is also available to all desiring it.

Once a month a list of current articles pertaining to activities in New Jersey is compiled and will be sent to those requesting this service. Anyone desiring to receive this monthly tabulation should contact the library for further particulars.

Also the library will welcome suggestions for the purchase of magazines and books. Should there be a wide enough demand for such publications, arrangements may be made for their purchase.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

JOSEPH MAHAN

The Electrical Division is beginning to feel its age what with ten of its members being admitted to membership of the Ten Year Club at the last Annual Dinner. At the same affair, Fred Stellwag, Chief Bridge Operator, received a 25-year pin; and Michael McKenna Assistant Chief Operator, and Ernest Brendel, Grade I Attendant, received 20-year pins.

OBSERVED: Birthdays — for Russell Henry on October 22, Joe Mahan on October 27, and John T. Deter on October 28; Russell Henry, formerly a teetotaler, enjoying (?) a glass of beer at the Ten Year Club Dinner; Dan Glendinning, Bridge Mechanic, visiting the South Belmar dog pound hoping to supplement his pack of rabbit hounds.

Welcome back to Charlie Savastano, Bridge Operator, who has returned to work after a 6-months layoff due to a broken leg received on the job.

The Electrical Division bowling team has now moved up from the cellar, and they expect to continue in that direction now that Major Hays has joined the team.

Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

Foreman George J. McCann, skipper of the trim little 30-foot craft known as "Bonavia," reports that, after extreme reluctance, he has finally decided to store the boat for the winter months. George spent considerable time getting the boat in good shape and says that he now looks back on a very pleasant summer with many fine cruises and fishing parties along the shore in the neighborhood of Seaside Heights.

Charles Willmott, Supervisor of Bridges, is temporarily absent from his duties due to a bit of back he had recently. It seems that Charlie, while visiting some of his friends, somehow managed to slip, falling on his elbow and chipping the bone. Last reports have it that he is coming along nicely.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of James W. Larsen, of Williamstown, who died recently. Mr. Larsen had been employed with the Department for quite a number of years and worked under Supervisor J. W. Kelly.

The following incident might serve as a gentle reminder to all of us in cashing our checks. It seems that a member of our field forces, after having received his check recently, decided to purchase some groceries at one of the local stores. Upon receiving his order, he produced his check and, after tearing it in half, proceeded to endorse it. What he failed to notice, however, was that he had endorsed the stub end or receipt part of the check. Apparently, both the clerk and manager of the store failed to notice this error, and the man walked out with his order and his change. Upon arriving home, he decided that he no longer needed the remaining part of the check, which he considered to be the stub, so he promptly tore it up. It was not until a day or so later, when the bank discovered the error, that the man realized he had signed the wrong half of the check and had torn up the check itself.

Supervisor J. W. Kelly was recently confined to his home for a day or so with an ailing knee. He is now recovered and is up and about his duties.

Congratulations are in order for the members of Supervisor Lew Klockner's gang who took part in doing a very grand job of Bituminous Concrete, Type "A" resurfacing on Route 29, between Raritan and Chimney Rock. Several complimentary remarks have been received in the Trenton Office for this very fine job and Supervisor Klockner, on being informed of these remarks, replied with a terse "So what, that's the way it's supposed to be." Incidentally, Frank Peoples and Joe Henry might also be complimented on a very excellent oiling job done at the Cheesecake Park.

We have been wondering if that well known popular song called "Feudin, A-Fightin and a-Fussin'" might not be applied to Bill Sassman and Joe Henry. It seems that Bill and Joe have been a-fussin' quite a bit recently over some trivial things. We don't believe, however, that it has reached the feudin stage.

Plan Annual Christmas Party

Plans are under way for the Christmas party which has become one of the traditional features of the holiday season. As in former years, A. Lee Grover will be in general charge of the affair, while details of the program will be arranged by Frank Reddan.

In addition to such events as the awarding of bonds and certificates of merit to outstanding suggesters, and certificates of merit to those who have performed meritorious service, there will be a ceremony dedicating a permanent Honor Roll. This plaque will replace the one that hung in the Board Room during the war years. Present plans call for holding these ceremonies at noon on Wednesday, December 24th.

Equipment Sets Fast Pace in Bowling League

Inspection Team Surprises With Fine Showing

It is going to take some mighty fine bowling to oust Equipment from their entrenchment in first place in the State Highway Bowling League. Besides showing the way in the won and lost column, this star aggregation boasts of several other firsts. Among their outstanding performances to date are the following:

High individual average to date: Stevens, 175, followed by Brennen, also of Equipment, with 174.

High single game to date, Collins of Equipment, 234.

High single game by team, Equipment, 991.

High 3-game by team, Equipment, 2714.

High 3 games by individual, McCabe of Equipment, 567.

Perhaps the surprise team of the league is Inspection, which finished last during the 1946-47 season and is currently in third place. The Fernwood GIs, who have won their last six games, are doing their best to make a race of it until the other teams settle down to their best form.

The standing at this writing is:

	W	L
Equipment	17	4
Fernwood GIs	14	7
Inspection	13	8
Machine Shop	10	11
White Line	10	11
Electrical	9	12
Maintenance Painters	6	15
Guards	5	16

Answer to October Problem

The two locomotives traveling towards each other at 10 miles an hour would meet in five hours since they started 100 miles apart. The pigeon flying back and forth between these locomotives would therefore be flying for five hours before being crushed between them. Since he flew at a rate of twenty miles an hour he flew 100 miles.

Martin Improving

Russell A. Martin, assistant highway engineer of the Central Construction Division, who has been ill for some time, recently returned home from the Temple University Hospital where he underwent special x-ray treatments. Russ is in hopes that these latest treatments will restore him to good health.

EXHIBIT AT ATLANTIC CITY

The State Highway Department exhibited at the recent convention of the League of Municipalities which was held in Hotel Haddon Hall in Atlantic City from November 12 to the 14.

The Highway display consisted of the recent exhibit which was made for the American Association of State Highway Officials in New York and which has been currently set up in the board room at the State House Annex. The newest type of traffic actuated signal operated by model cars was also shown.

The exhibit was set up under the direction of George Goldy and Walter Scheutz, foremen of the Electrical Division, and received favorable comment from all who witnessed it.

PARKWAY BROCHURE

About the middle of December a handsome Parkway brochure will be distributed by the State Highway Department. This booklet will show to the fullest extent the advantages of parkway construction in New Jersey and how highways of this type will reduce much of the present congestion existing in metropolitan areas.

The next issue of THE HIGHWAY will devote considerable space to highlighting features of this booklet which is largely the work of Vincent Lanigan of the Administrative Division.

REAL ESTATE REPORTS

HERMAN KRAMER

Fred Vollmer has returned to work on a part time basis following a long siege of illness. It's nice to see Fred back on the job and we trust that his recovery is complete.

Jim Kondas of the Title Bureau is taking a Business Administration course at Rider College.

Bill Kirk has arranged an interesting trip for the personnel of the Real Estate Division to go through the plant of the John A. Roebling Co., Roebling, N. J.

We welcome Jul'us Kocsis of the title searching staff.

John Watt is about to start a major engineering project; the construction of a fence 2 feet high, 9 feet long. We hope he gets this straight.

Ed Drake has fully recovered from a painfully infected finger.

The Real Estate Division welcomes Margaret LeJambre who is engaged as Clerk Stenographer.

Tom Stewart, who is a ham radio operator, had his 136th contact with another radio ham in Argentina this past week. Tom also maintains schedules with parties in England and Germany. He recently attended a conference on State highway radio networks by the A.A.S.H.O. in New York. Tom attended this conference on the direction of State Highway Commissioner Miller who desired a report on the advisability of increasing the Highway Department's efficiency by the use of radio.

The male personnel of the Division of Appraisal and Negotiation had their annual dinner at Bill Hancock's hunting lodge in Chatsworth, on Monday, November 10.

We feel rather proud that Jim Ireton was elected to the presidency of the Ten Year Club at the Annual Dinner, also our congratulations to Walter Schiller who won the door prize at that event and to Tom Stewart and Morris Balbesky who received 20-year pins.

Tony Esposito would like to contact the chairman of the new entertainment committee for the Ten Year Club, as he would like to have a spot on that committee.

New Honor Roll Will Be Dedicated

A new Honor Roll containing the names of State Highway Department employees who served in the armed forces of their country during the last war will be dedicated at the annual Christmas party according to Commissioner Miller.

The new roll, which will replace the one that hung in the board room for the last several years, is considerably smaller than the original one and will be more permanent. It contains the names of 435 men and one woman and will hang as a permanent tribute to those whose names appear on it.

The roll was made in the Department office of visual aids and is the handiwork of Mac Wandling. It is highly illuminated and bears the inscription: "Dedicated To Those Members of the New Jersey State Highway Department Who Served Their Country In The Armed Forces During World War II."

LABORATORY LINES

PEG BEATTY

We regret to report that Fred Forrest has been confined to Mercer Hospital in Trenton through serious illness. He has the best wishes of his host of friends for a speedy and complete recovery.

The Lab girls held an impromptu Halloween party one noon toward the end of October. The affair was complete with cider and costumes highlighted by Jean Anderson, dressed as a ball player, Jennie Houman as a Chinaman, and Alice May as the "new look."

Helen Lansing has taken a leave to attend to the important preparations entailed by a promised visit from the stork. Helen takes with her every good wish from the Lab where she will be missed very much. Good Luck.

Margaret Durning Bride Of James Mulhern

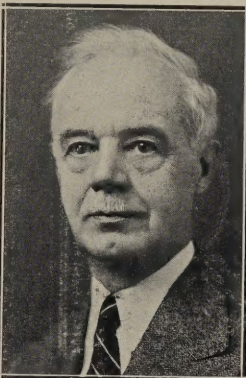
Margaret Hennessy Durning of the Newark office became the bride of James Mulhern of the Northern Construction Division on Saturday, November 8th.

The ceremony was performed at the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians in East Orange. Following the wedding the bride and groom honeymooned at Atlantic City.

JOHANNESSEN PLANS ARIZONA VACATION

Sigvald Johannesson, director of the division of Planning and Economics, will leave the Highway Department on or about December 1 on an extended leave of absence. His decision stems from the desire to take a prolonged rest. During his absence, which will be for a period of at least six months, his position will be filled by Otto Fritzsche, assistant director.

It will be recalled that Mr. Johannesson was involved in an auto accident last June while on his way to spend a vacation at Sea Isle, Georgia. At that time he was badly shaken up and bruised and Mrs. Johannesson suffered a fractured arm. Despite his physician's orders, the pressure of urgent highway matters made subsequent vacation impossible until now.



SIGVALD JOHANNESSEN

Present plans call for a sojourn in southeastern Arizona and a complete rest. The duration of this stay depends largely upon the rapidity with which Mr. Johannesson regains his vigor as well as his ability to adapt himself to a life of ease.

Once before, in 1920, this capable engineer tried to stay away from his chosen field. This venture resulted in a busman's holiday, for it was during this period that he wrote his Highway Economics and engaged in consulting work as a sideline.

It is therefore hoped that by the time warm weather returns to New Jersey, Mr. Johannesson will see his way clear to migrate northward—back to P. & E.

Whitlock Dies Suddenly

John Raymond Whitlock, aged 51, one of the real veterans of the Equipment Division, succumbed on November 14 following a heart attack that occurred while on the job on Route 30, near Glen Gardner.

Jack had reported for work as usual and it was while cranking the bulldozer he was operating for Foreman Haney that he was seized with a fainting spell. He was immediately rushed to the nearby hospital and placed in an oxygen tent. He failed to respond, however, and died a short time later.

Whitlock, a heavy equipment operator since he first joined the Highway Department in March, 1920, was widely known throughout New Jersey. He came to the Equipment Division shortly after being discharged from service with the Army in World War I. One of the first issues of THE HIGHWAY featured Jack with some of the old Mack trucks which the Department got as war surplus and which were still in use in 1942.

Whitlock made his home in Trenton and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mabel Y. Whitlock, as well as a son, John R., Jr., and a daughter, Virginia Carol. The son is at present employed by the War Department in Washington. To these survivors THE HIGHWAY extends deepest sympathies on behalf of the entire Highway Department.

Problem for November

Jones commutes between Trenton and New York. Each day he arrives in Trenton at exactly 6:00 p. m. At the instant he arrives he gets into his car and is driven home by his chauffeur who always meets the train.

On one occasion, however, Jones took an earlier train from New York and arrived in Trenton at exactly 5:00 p. m. His chauffeur, not knowing of this change in schedule, was not on hand to meet him. Since it was a nice day, Jones started to walk home. Along the way he met his chauffeur on his way to the station to meet the 6:00 p. m. train. He promptly got into the car and was driven the remaining distance to his house, at which he arrived 20 minutes earlier than usual.

Assuming that the chauffeur always drives at the same rate of speed and that no time was lost upon getting into the car, how much time did Jones spend walking?

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

Sympathies of Fernwood are extended to Frank Cleary on the death of his wife who passed away very suddenly at St. Francis Hospital in Trenton.

Confined to his home for the past three weeks with a severe attack of gripe is Morgan Van-Hise, chief inspector of Equipment.

Jack Mountford of the Stock Room has tendered his resignation as senior stock clerk to accept a position with the International Business Machine Corp. The boys at Fernwood extend their best wishes and hope before long that Jack will be rated as one of the company executives.

Sympathies are also extended to Charles DeNito on the death of his father who passed away at his home in Trenton very recently.

Al Kaner has recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home where he is still under the doctor's care.

Laid up with a bad back is Fred Brooks, machine shop foreman, who is confined to his home.

Speak on Constitution

Governor Driscoll, former Governor Edison, and State Highway Commissioner Miller recently visited Nashville, Tenn., where they spoke before representatives of states interested in modernizing their constitutions. New Jersey officials were invited due to their success in bringing to the attention of the citizens of this state the need for a new charter. The subject of Governor Driscoll's address was "It Can Be Done." Prior to going to Nashville the Commissioner spoke before the American Petroleum Institute in Chicago.

Department on the Air

State Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., is to give the first radio address for his department in the "State House Calling" series on the new station WNJR.

He will speak at 9 o'clock, Monday evening, December 1.

The different divisions of the Highway Department will be represented at the same hour on alternate Mondays, December 15 and 29; January 12 and 26, and February 9.

BRIDGE DIVISION CLUB IN EARLY DAYS



This picture was taken at the first meeting of the Bridge Division Club in 1931. In fact, it was a rather informal gathering brought about when Morris Goodkind staked the crowd to a blowout with the proceeds of some articles he had written about the College Bridge over the Raritan River. The group enjoyed the occasion so much that the formation of the club to further such extra-curricular activities was a natural.

In those days the little woman was left at home to watch over the children. It was not until many years later when Father Time had slowed down the membership that she was allowed to participate in the somewhat subdued events that followed.

Due to the abundance of hair and lack of wrinkles, you may have some difficulty in identifying many of the stalwarts who were present on this memorable occasion. Some of those who attended have

passed away, others have left the Highway Department, while still others have transferred to other divisions.

On this night they faced the camera as follows: (from the left, standing) William Tonge, now deceased, Brearley Whitehead, Walter Ketels, deceased, E. R. Sherbaum, the department safety engineer, Virgil Williams, John Patrick, Arthur Lichtenberg, Carman Davis, now with the Administration Division, no one recalls this man's name, Charles Fox, John Rogers, no longer with the department, Alvah Hall, retired, Clinton Bissell, deceased, P. H. Burch, L. C. Petersen, and Harry Lefferson. Seated: Fred Hunter, Morris Goodkind, T. P. Weston, no longer with department, Wilbur Spencer, William Umberger, Harry Mueller, deceased, and Fred Dileo.

The photographer on this occasion was Lewis F. Hall.